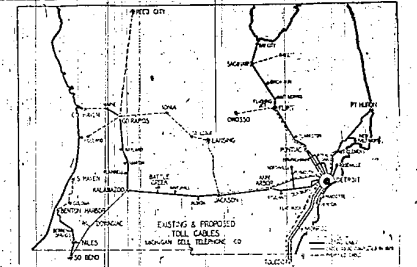


MICHIGAN BELL CO. PLANS \$26,500,000 PROGRAM FOR 1929

EXPANSION IS IN LINE WITH POLICY OF ALWAYS PROVIDING ADEQUATE SERVICE.

FORAKER TALKS OF PROSPERITY

Business Trend Considered Good, as Company Enlarges and Improves Local and Long Distance Plant Throughout State



LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CABLE INCREASES. Heavy lines show present storm-proof long distance cables in trans-Michigan system of Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Lighter lines indicate additions now building; broken lines show projected cable routes.

Business conditions in Michigan are good, and Foraker, president of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, says they will continue good. He further announces plans of the company to expand approximately \$26,500,000 on telephone plant expansion throughout the state during 1929, while the tentative program for the next five years, 1929-1933, includes, cross plant additions totaling more than \$126,000,000.

Central offices serving them. Copper wire used per telephone has increased from 28,000 feet in 1922 to 46,000 feet at present, and is expected to grow to 60,000 feet by 1933.

The five-year program contemplates that new central office equipment and new telephones will be installed at 25 points, line exchanges to be converted to dial systems. Present central office units are planned to replace manual offices at Detroit, together with 15 new offices to care for growth. Fifteen new buildings or major additions to existing buildings will be required to house the new units.

Complete replacement of the Detroit long distance switchboard equipment is planned, the new apparatus to be installed in the recently enlarged Bell Telephone building at 1505 Cass avenue.

Outside plant work to provide additional facilities will be done at many points throughout the state, at a cost of several million dollars.

During the year, the Michigan Bell plans completion of several large long distance cable projects, designed to further speed and protect the service against possible interruptions. Major advances in this direction were made during 1928. It is proposed to complete a second cable next year from Detroit to Ann Arbor, and a spur to Chelsea from the Ann Arbor-Jackson section of the trans-Michigan cable.

A cable now in being built between Kalamazoo and South Bend, Indiana, a distance of 61 miles, to connect with the New York-Chicago-St. Louis cable, with which Michigan also has connection at Toledo. Improvements will be made on the Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo cable to provide additional facilities to Grand Rapids from Detroit and other points east and south.

It is planned to place in service, during 1929 and the four years following, several new installations of long distance cable, including a 20-mile line between Jackson and Lansing, 33 miles, to connect with the trans-Michigan cable and Chicago route; extension of the Niles-Detroit Harbor cable to South Haven, 35 miles; Grand Rapids to Holland, 42 miles, and a new line to connect with the trans-Michigan cable, which will complete the long distance cable span of the state, now reaching Grand Rapids from Saginaw, Bay City, Port Huron and Detroit; Marquette to Grand Rapids, 100 miles; Grand Rapids to Holland, 42 miles; Grand Rapids to Reed City, 82 miles; a third Detroit to Ann Arbor cable, 40 miles; a second Ann Arbor to Jackson cable, 35 miles; Grand Rapids to Lansing, 65 miles; Flint to Grand Rapids, 40 miles; Saginaw to Reed City, 82 miles, and second and third Detroit to Toledo cables, 53 miles each.

The 1929 long distance wire program will be approximately 50 per cent higher than the program for 1928, and will be used for both business and social purposes and to provide greater speed and otherwise improved service. Projects include additional circuits from the City to Potosky, Grand Rapids to Mackinac Island and upper peninsula points, Grand Rapids to Grand Haven, Kalamazoo to Three Rivers, Jackson to Hillsdale, Ann Arbor to St. Ignace, Marquette to Mackinac Island, Onondaga to Petoskey, Traverse City to Onaway, Traverse City to Potosky, Saginaw to Reed City to Manistee, Pontiac to LeAnn, Bad Axe to Detroit, Bad Axe to Spinaway, and Ham Conventance Promoted.

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